

## **NAMRATA ARORA**

Namrata assumed the position of Associate Director for the SAI India office beginning in January 2011. Since 2007, she has served as a Researcher for the Harvard Business School India Research Center. As the longest standing researcher at the Center, Namrata has played an important role in leading the organization's efforts to address the business challenges relevant to Indian companies through extensive research and case work with HBS faculty. She has co-authored several HBS case studies including: "Dharavi: Redeveloping Asia's Largest Slum," co-authored with Prof. Lakshmi Iyer; "Yes Bank: Mainstreaming Development into Indian Banking," co-authored with Prof. Michael Chu; "Hollywood in India: Protecting Intellectual Property Rights (A) (B)," co-authored with Prof. Lakshmi Iyer; and "Special Economic Zones in India: Public Purpose and Private Property (A) (B)," co-authored with Prof. Laura Alfaro and Prof. Lakshmi Iyer.

Prior to joining HBS IRC, Namrata has had significant work experiences in both India and the United States. Between 2004 and 2006, she served as one of the first lecturers for the Dhirubhai Ambani International School, a first of its kind school offering international education curricula to Indian students in Mumbai. Between 2001 and 2003, she worked as an economic consultant for the National Economic Research Associates' (NERA) Energy Practice based of Cambridge, MA. Prior to that, Namrata spent one year working as an investment banking analyst for Robertson Stephens, a boutique technology investment bank, located in San Francisco, CA.

Namrata holds a Masters in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science (cum laude) from Wellesley College.

Namrata has spent her formative years living and studying in France, India and the United States. When living in these countries, she was schooled both in local as well as international schools, exposing her to a unique blend of both local and international cultures. She continues to enjoy traveling and has visited many countries for work and pleasure. Namrata is a US citizen and is proficient in French and fluent in Hindi.